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"I know not what record of sin awaits me in the afterworld; but this I do know, that I never was forgiven for despising a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black."  
—John A. Andrew.

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"WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY."  
From the Seal of North Adams.

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## OUR BOARD OF TRADE.

The success to which North Adams has pushed forward a public matter when it has been taken in hand, and the enterprise of its citizens in looking out for the best interests of our city and taking up plans looking to its improvement and advancement have been the wonder of other less favored communities; and that means most other communities which know anything about us, for few are so favored in these respects as is this young city.

To those familiar with the conditions and influences which produce such striking results it is well known that one of the important institutions in which this public spirit is stimulated and developed is our excellent board of trade.

This organization is not merely an inanimate thing with a dignified but meaningless name, but it is a very much alive institution, fully awake to the needs as well as to the advantages and opportunities of this city. It aims to study the needs, not to cover them over; to utilize the advantages and improve the splendid opportunities and to permit them to be hidden or rusted away by indifference and neglect.

Started only a few years ago in a modest but liberal spirit, it has grown into an association of nearly 350 men, representative of all our commercial and industrial interests. They meet regularly and harmoniously regardless of class, creed or political affiliation to talk over in a frank business like way the common welfare.

The titles of committees like the ways and means, transportation, new enterprises, reception, entertainment, and room committees, will give an idea of some of the directions which the work of the organization takes.

Among the recent prominent meetings which the board of trade has arranged for the public at large or invited guests, as the case may have been, were those devoted to the consideration of electric power, the address of Dr. Bacon and the Greenhalge memorial services. So far as we have learned this was the only place in western Massachusetts where public memorial services of the kind were held, all the prominent religious denominations uniting for the purpose. These exercises were admirable and highly creditable to the city, though arranged for in a few hours by the board of trade.

This valuable organization has again been so fortunate as to obtain the consent of Mr. Wilkinson to retain its presidency for another year, and yesterday he started his work promptly by announcing his committee appointments. Another year of important public service may be looked for from the North Adams board of trade, and many more such years, for the future shown by its members is unwavering and permanent.

## STEVENSON'S LAST STORY.

The last story written by Robert Lewis Stevenson, upon which he was engaged at the time of his death, will be commenced in the WEEKLY TRANSCRIPT of this week. The name of the story is "Weir of Hermiston."

The publication of this story is the event of the season in the field of romance and fiction and we take great pleasure, having easily secured exclusive rights for its publication in this section, in being able to furnish the story in attractive form, illustrated to the readers of the WEEKLY TRANSCRIPT. The first chapter will be found in this week's paper and the remainder of the story will follow in succeeding weeks.

In regard to "Weir of Hermiston," Mr. Sidney Colvin, Stevenson's literary executor, states that, while it was his last work, it was one on the theme of which his mind had long been engaged. The chapters which he lived to finish "were dictated by the author to his step-daughter and devoted amanuensis, Mrs. Strong, during the month of November and the first days of December, 1894; and the last lines were written on the very morning of his sudden seizure and death. None of his earlier work had been produced at such a sustained pitch of invention, or with so little labor in the way of correction or recasting, and the amount of editorial revision which the text has required has been slight in the extreme.

The date of the principal action is the winter and spring of 1813-14; the place is Edinburgh, and partly the wild hill-country about the ruins of Clyde and Tweed (the name Crossmichael, borrowed from a village in Galloway, must not be taken by those who happen to be familiar with it, as indicating the real locality). The character of Adam Weir, Lord Hermiston, has been in some degree suggested by that of a historical personage, Robert MacQueen, Lord Broxfield, (b. 1723, d. 1777); but the plot and circumstances are wholly imaginary.

While Joseph Jefferson goes south on a vacation his company continues a tour with "The Great Metropolitan," a sensational melodrama.

Miss Januszek has retired from "The Great Diamond Robbery," and will write a book of stage recollections.

## THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

## FOR TODAY.

## THE HUMBLE HEROES.

Who is the hero? Not the brave  
Who on the field of glory sleep!  
Immortal banners o'er them wave:  
And the proud nations vibrate keep!  
Who is the hero? 'Tis the slave  
For whom the gentle angels weep,  
Who, tolling onward to the grave,  
Has but his trust with God to keep!  
Who is the hero? 'Tis the weak,  
The martyr, prophet, poet, seer,  
Who through the long nights dark and bleak  
Watch till the Lord of Life appear.  
—John Ward Stimson.

## Spearhead Reed on Wages.

The increase of wages which the service soldier ought to have and the only useful increase he can ever get will be by the operation of natural laws working upon the opportunities which legislation may aid in furnishing. The increase will never come from the outside, it must come from the improvement in the man himself. Can you get a carpenter or bricklayer to work for 25 cents a day? He did it in England in 1735. Today in the United States it is a poor place where he cannot get ten times that sum. Why does he have to have ten times as much? Because the carpenter of today could not more live as did the carpenter of 1735 than could live in a cave and eat of the berries for food. The difference in wages means the difference in living, and the \$2.50 is as much a necessity today as the 25 cents was 150 years ago.—Hon. Thomas B. Reed.

## Senator Frye's Doctrine.

If all of our industries were equally exposed to the pernicious effects of free trade, they might not be destroyed. Manufacturing might and probably would continue here, but the price of it would have to be paid by the poor laborer in scanty wages, hard work, poor living and destroyed homes. The total extinguishment of one industry is easy, for its laborers would not consent to a reduction of wages which would enable it to live, but would find employment in those that survived. The doctrine that the wages of those employed in the protected industries alone are affected is too absurd to require refutation.—Hon. W. P. Frye.

## Senator Warren's Remedy.

I contend that agricultural interests, along with others, are in a bad condition, and that there is a remedy; that the present bad condition is the direct consequence of the application of one theory or policy, and its remedy lies in adopting an opposite policy; that free trade or insufficient tariff is the bad policy; that a sufficient tariff, with incidental or even intended protection, is the remedy. The former is the policy of the Democratic party, the latter of the Republican party.—Hon. Francis E. Warren.

## What Protection Permitted.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal company made a contract in 1872 with manufacturers in England for 10,000 tons of steel rails to be delivered here at \$130 per ton. At that period there were no steel rails, almost no rails at all, made in this country. But for the last few years we have been the largest manufacturers of steel in the world, and rails have been sold here and delivered, made from American ore, American fuel and by American labor, for \$20.55 per ton.

## Bound to Come.

The increase in the number and the extent of failures has aroused some apprehensions. Failures at the end of the month were looked for, but they have come ahead of time.—New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.

## Has Lots to Learn.

Secretary Charles's financial forecasts have been so utterly unreliable in the past that he will find few to believe him at this late stage in the Democratic game. To those of "the babes and sucklings" of free trade finance.

## Tariff Policy to Blame.

A policy that allows the shipment of gold to foreign countries to go on un-checked is unwise, unphilosophical and suicidal. The reversal of the tariff policy of the government has brought about this unfortunate condition in our financial operations.—Hon. Robert J. Gamble, M. C. of South Dakota.

## All Wind and Words.

The message is like the man—verbose, inefficient, unsatisfactory. As such, however, it will only disappoint those who have chosen to make an idol of Mr. Cleveland, to which they could look for salvation. But the day of idols, whether of brass, bronze or flesh, has gone by.—John C. Freund.

## A Duty Demanded.

A restoration of the duty on wool is demanded at the present time for the sake of revenue as well as for the strengthening of a great home industry in which capital and labor are so closely interested, and the progressive condition of which would be essential to our welfare in case of certain grave emergencies which have recently appeared on the horizon of possibility.—Roche-Democrat and Chronicle.

## Double This, With Interest.

One can hardly comprehend it, but it is a fact that in President Cleveland's term of office, not yet three-fourths ended, the government has or will run in debt \$262,000,000, one-tenth of the entire debt contracted in four years of our bloody civil war. It is no wonder that even the Mugwumps are scarce and a Democrat as slippery as an eel.—Grand Rapids Herald.

## WHY HE DISLIKES HER.

A writer in The Westminster Gazette explains the wherefore of his aversion to the feminine sex in the following reasons:  
Because she roams, plays violins and rides bicycles.  
Because, in nine cases out of ten, she can neither sew, nor read aloud, nor make tea.  
Because she is always writing letters and wanting me and others to answer them.  
Because she mislays her bag, loses her handkerchief and carries her purse in her hand.  
Because she stabs me in the eye with her pen-knife, offers no apology, and looks as if I did it.

## DIED IN CALIFORNIA.

Became a Miner After Sailing  
The Seas for Many  
Years.

## CAREER OF A CLARKSBURG BOY.

A Sea Captain for Many Years. Became  
the Owner of a Vessel. Two Children  
Whom he Never Saw. Died  
in a Hospital.

News was received a few days ago of the death, at Valley, Cal., Feb. 23, of Edwin N. Clark, some of whose relatives live in this city, and who is well remembered by many of our citizens.

Mr. Clark was born at Clarksburg sixty-seven years ago and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Clark. At the age of sixteen years he left home and went to sea, and he continued to follow a seafaring life until two years ago, being engaged during all those years in the whaling business. He sailed for many years from New Bedford, and while sailing from that port he married Miss Sherman, the accomplished daughter of a well-to-do business man of that city. The peculiarity of a whaling life is illustrated by the fact that shortly after his marriage he went away on a voyage and was gone seven years. His wife bore him two children, but he never saw either of them. Both were born and died while he was away on the seas. His wife died about thirty years ago. Later he married again, but his second wife has also been dead for several years.

Mr. Clark was very successful as a whaler and rose to the position of captain, which he held for many years. He also became the owner of a vessel and prosecuted the business on his own account for a number of years, but he met with misfortune and his ship went down with all of his possessions, leaving him a poor man. He was shipwrecked twice during his career as a whaler and was familiar with all of the fortunes and misfortunes that attend the precarious calling he followed for about forty years.

His last venture was gold mining in New Mexico. He got possession of the mine some years ago while on the Pacific coast, and finally concluded to abandon the sea and develop his property. He was working the mine in a small way and living in a shanty. Recently he was taken sick, and it is believed that while he was in that condition frontier things entered his shanty and stripped him of whatever possessions he had. He then started for the home of a sister in Stockton, Cal., but was prostrated before reaching that place and died in a hospital. He did not tell the hospital authorities anything about his connections, and the location of this sister was disclosed by a letter found in his coat pocket after his death.

F. P. Shaw, the sister's husband, will make a thorough investigation of the circumstances of his death and of the mining property he left.

Mr. Clark visited his relatives here several times after going to sea, his last visit having been made seven years ago, at which time an account of some of his experiences appeared in THE TRANSCRIPT. He had visited many parts of the world, including the Arctic regions, and could interest his listeners for hours at a time with tales of his adventures. The first sea lions ever placed in the lake in Lincoln park, Chicago, were captured by him, and several of the same lot were placed in Central Park, New York.

Mr. Clark leaves four sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Oliver A. Brown of this city, Miss Dolly M. Clark of Mt. Harris, W. T. Mrs. William Vial of Pittsfield, E. J. M. Shaw of Stockton, Cal., Charles D. Clark of this city, Eugene Clark of Chicago and Charles F. Clark of Boston.

## PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Annie Lawlor of North Eagle street is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. John Nolan in New York city, N. Y.

Miss Nellie Condon will entertain friends at what this evening at her home on Ashland street.

Charles Goodell is in New York on business.

Mrs. E. A. Stroud of Chestnut street is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Spruill, in Springfield.

Miss Elsie Warren of Shelburne Falls, is the guest of Miss Grace Gould at her home on Liberty street.

Mrs. William M. Hodge of Holbrook street, will leave Tuesday for an extended trip in the South. Her children will accompany her.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson are in New York city for a few weeks.

George B. Perry is in at his home on Quincy street.

Mrs. W. V. Burdett and son of East Main street are visiting friends at Clinton.

F. A. Wilcoxson has returned from Chicago.

A. E. Emery, representing the Dayton Bicycle company of Dayton, O., was in town today on business.

Mrs. Frank Johnson and daughter, Miss Anna Johnson, of East Quincy street, left today for New Haven, Conn., where they will make their home in the future.

James Krum, Jr., and C. C. Label are in New York city on business.

George W. Darby is in Boston for a few days on business.

Charles B. Haynes, formerly superintendent of the Greylock mills, has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the wholesale department of W. H. Sperry & Co.

Miss Amelia Harding of Lee is the guest of Mrs. A. A. Wills of Union street.

## AMUSEMENTS.

Great Minstrel Show.

Cleveland's minstrels will be the attraction at the Columbia Thursday night. This is a big aggregation and will be sure to attract deserved attention here, as it does elsewhere. The company comprises about eighty performers of different nationalities and carries three bands of music. The Fort Worth (Texas) Gazette says: "The jokes are refreshingly new and the songs squarely up-to-date. Mr. Cleveland has done a great deal for minstrelsy in putting such a uniformly strong company on the road, and the magnificent audience enjoyed the show hugely both at the matinee and at night."

## Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 15, 1895.

Trains Leave North Adams going East—11:37, 12:15, 12:35, 1:05, 1:45, 2:25, 2:45, 3:05, 3:25, 3:45, 4:05, 4:25, 4:45, 5:05, 5:25, 5:45, 6:05, 6:25, 6:45, 7:05, 7:25, 7:45, 8:05, 8:25, 8:45, 9:05, 9:25, 9:45, 10:05, 10:25, 10:45, 11:05, 11:25, 11:45, 12:05, 12:25, 12:45, 1:05, 1:25, 1:45, 1:55, 2:05, 2:15, 2:25, 2:35, 2:45, 2:55, 3:05, 3:15, 3:25, 3:35, 3:45, 3:55, 4:05, 4:15, 4:25, 4:35, 4:45, 4:55, 5:05, 5:15, 5:25, 5:35, 5:45, 5:55, 6:05, 6:15, 6:25, 6:35, 6:45, 6:55, 7:05, 7:15, 7:25, 7:35, 7:45, 7:55, 8:05, 8:15, 8:25, 8:35, 8:45, 8:55, 9:05, 9:15, 9:25, 9:35, 9:45, 9:55, 10:05, 10:15, 10:25, 10:35, 10:45, 10:55, 11:05, 11:15, 11:25, 11:35, 11:45, 11:55, 12:05, 12:15, 12:25, 12:35, 12:45, 12:55, 1:05, 1:15, 1:25, 1:35, 1:45, 1:55, 2:05, 2:15, 2:25, 2:35, 2:45, 2:55, 3:05, 3:15, 3:25, 3:35, 3:45, 3:55, 4:05, 4:15, 4:25, 4:35, 4:45, 4:55, 5:05, 5:15, 5:25, 5:35, 5:45, 5:55, 6:05, 6:15, 6:25, 6:35, 6:45, 6:55, 7:05, 7:15, 7:25, 7:35, 7:45, 7:55, 8:05, 8:15, 8:25, 8:35, 8:45, 8:55, 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## SUBURBAN NEWS.

Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

## AT ADAMS TODAY.

Tuesday Evening's Concert.

The opera house was crowded Tuesday evening and the concert for the benefit of St. Charles' church, under the direction of Miss Julia Allen of the New York Conservatory of Music was a complete success. The program was started at 8:15 o'clock with the solo and chorus, "Rossini's Inflammatus," by Miss Allen and St. Charles' choir. This selection, both solo and chorus, was a splendid opening. A quartet comprising Miss Mary Raley, Miss Annie Minnahan, Craig Ferguson and George Duggan, sang in a pleasing manner.

Miss Allen by her numerous selections proved herself to be the possessor of an unusually good soprano voice, and the effect of a thorough training was plainly apparent to even those with little or no knowledge of musical matters. Her voice is clear, round, sweet and powerful, and its range is great. Miss Allen has her splendid voice perfectly under control and her renditions contain that feeling so often lacking in those with such gifts. A reciter she is as much a success as she is at singing, and the two recitations, "The Catholic Psalm" and "Sandy's Romance," interested the large audience greatly.

St. Charles' choir then sang Thomas Moore's "Believe Me if All Those Endearing Young Charms," and Miss Allen followed with two solos, "Ave Maria," and "Benedictine." In these she was accompanied by Prof. G. A. Metzke of North Adams, and for the first, a violin obligato was played by John A. Faggot of Millers Falls, who proved to be an accomplished violinist.

The chorus and march, "The Little Shamrock," by the Misses of the junior choir, was a very entertaining feature of the program. The march was very cleverly arranged and the little ones carried it without a faulty movement.

The little ones were given an encore. The quartet scene between Sir Peter and Lady Teazle from "School for Scandal," gave Miss Allen a good opportunity to display her elocutionary talent and she received great applause for its excellent rendition.

The Misses Mary Raley, Katie A. Curran, Annie Minnahan, Katie Daniels, Emma Barrett and Rose E. Cover scored a great success by their living studies. They were dressed in flowing robes of white and represented these pictures: Salute, reproach, listening, surprise, benediction, command, protection, grief, "oh look," acceptance, rejection, triumph, faith, hope and love—the three graces, defiance, gossip, appeal, tyranny, displeasure, stealth, "the leper," joy, disappointment, "oh, I forgot," the peace-maker indignation, fear, proposal, quarrel, explanation, reconciliation, coquetry, the unforfeited point, forgiven, "mouse," and rock of ages. These pictures were very fine and the young women were called upon to repeat some of them.

A male quartet comprising Craig Ferguson, Edward Duggan, and John Duggan, George Duggan and John Porter, sang the selection, "Just tell them that you saw me," and responded to an encore. Miss Allen then sang Millard's "Waiting," with an obligato by the Taggart and Nevada catches "One spring morning," Edward Duggan rendered the cornet solo, Kathleen Mavourneen," and the chorus of the pretty air was sung by the male quartet.

"Sister" and "I," a pathetic recitation, was given by Miss Allen, who showed her versatility by the following humorous selection, "Money Musk."

"The Harp that once thro' Tara's Halls," was nicely sung by the choir, and a quartet of female voices, comprising those of Miss Allen, Miss Raley, Miss Minnahan and Miss Bowe, closed the very pleasing program.

The whole affair was under Miss Allen's direction and every feature of the program was arranged by her. It was an excellent entertainment, admirably suited for the occasion in honor of which it was arranged, and a very neat sum was realized to increase the church fund. An Estey piano, loaned by W. S. Underwood of No. 10 Adams, was used.

Fire District Meeting Called.

The date of annual meeting of the Adams fire district has been set for Saturday, March 23.

In regard to Street Railway Extension.

As a result of the TRANSCRIPT's recent agitation on the street railway extension question, the selection have determined to learn how the people stand on the question and for that reason have inserted in the town warrant the following article to be acted upon at the coming town meeting: "To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to request the Hoosac Valley Street Railway company to extend its track to Maple Grove and to grant said company all necessary privileges." Of course, if this article is passed the matter will by no means be settled, but President Richmond of the company will be asked to remember that we said to the selectmen: "If the people of Adams think it would be a benefit to them, we shall make the extension; provided we can get permission of the state railway commissioners to cross the Boston and Albany track." This matter looks like a barrier to a great many people, but there is no doubt that when the commissioners understand the condition of things the grad crossing law, which was enacted to effect larger places and more dangerous crossings, will have little or no effect. The people of the town certainly desire it, and should the extension be made the street railway people would find it a paying investment.

The Woman's Relief Corps met Tuesday evening.

The United Workmen's regular meeting was held Tuesday evening.

There was no important business done at the adjourned meeting of the Baptist church Tuesday evening. Treasurer A. H. Simonds did not sufficiently recovered from his serious illness to attend and the meeting was adjourned to await his presence.

The Epworth League of Berkshire county are holding their convention at Trinity Methodist church today.

The local socialists will meet this evening.

The registers of voters will meet at Zylontide hotel from 6.30 to 9 o'clock this evening.

The Lenten devotions for the ensuing week will be held at St. Charles' church this evening and the sermon will be preached by Rev. Fr. Walsh of Boston.

R. James Stewart & Co., who built the new Berkshire mill, have taken the contract to put up the large storehouse which is to stand in the angle of the structure near the railroad.

Mrs. B. C. Southern led the Christian Endeavor meeting at the Congregation house Tuesday evening. The subject was "Keeping our pledge in spirit and in letter."

Emil Auerbach will begin work at once, rebuilding Joseph Grizbach's block on Summer street, which was damaged by fire last week.

The ladies of St. Paul's Universalist church are conducting at the church parlors today a sale of fancy articles. Supper will be served at 6 o'clock and the sale will continue throughout the evening. The affair is sure to be pleasant and a successful one.

On account of the concert Tuesday night on "Resolved, That the greatest battle of the rebellion was fought on water," was postponed until next week Thursday evening.

A large flag has been attached to the staff which surmounts the tower of the new Berkshire mill.

CHESHIRE.

The Republicans met in caucus yesterday, choosing J. B. Farnum chairman and E. W. Blood secretary. The delegates to the state convention are A. L. Farnum and R. A. Burget; to the district convention, R. V. Wood and J. B. Farnum.

The young fellows have formed a club it meets at the members' houses on Tuesday evenings. It is named the S. H. S. club and is officered as follows: President, Geo. McCann; vice president, Harvey Reynolds; treasurer, Benjamin Cummings; secretary, Geo. Campbell, at whose house they met last evening.

The Graylock cemetery is fast putting in the necessary machinery for opening Apr. 1.

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E. Middlebrook will move to the home place of Albert Prince April 1.

Rev. A. B. Whipple of Pittsfield will preach at the Methodist church Sunday, and will preach in evening on "The Land of Palestine."

The Misses Welch of Pownall, Vt., are stopping at Nathan Harkness'.

WILLIAMSTOWN.

The usual parade by students on St. Patrick's day took place Tuesday night. The fire-works were better than at former times. Good speeches were heard on the old ball field. Lewis Perry made a long, witty speech, as did several others. The Williamstown Cornet band rendered good music. Mention was made of the new honor system just adopted by the college, and harmony is at present complete.

G. L. Ayderian has returned from New York.

A. R. Smith, successor to B. F. Mather. Specialties: Kennedy's crackers, the best cereals, canned goods of every description, cocoa, teas, coffee and spices, salad oils, olives, pickles, Currier's blue label catsup. Only the finest goods sold. Main street, Williamstown.

Charles B. Fowler, commencing Monday, March 9, will have for sale at his bakery at the rear of Ruether's block, one carload of Ceresota flour. A bargain. Come and look at this flour.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTOWN.

The Ladies Aid society gave a supper Thursday evening in the church dining room. Previous to the supper very earnest and interesting talks were given in the Sunday school room by Rev. Mr. Wilson, and Rev. A. E. Hall of Williamstown on the subject of "Temperance." It is hoped that they aroused the no license spirit inasmuch that all conscientious voters will not fail to do their duty at the annual town meeting, which takes place next Monday, March 23.

Henry Lewis gave a party at the Idlewild last Friday evening, for his sister, Mrs. Herbert Fisk, who with her husband, is spending a short time there, being on their wedding tour. About thirty were present, refreshments were served and a very enjoyable time is reported. Sweet and Drew furnished music.

Miss Alice Saltin, the librarian, residing in Williamstown, has driven here all through the winter every Friday but two. She expects to leave town Saturday for an absence of three weeks, visiting friends in New York city, Brooklyn and Flushing, Long Island. The library will be cared for by a substitute in her absence.

William A. Morn and daughter attended a reception last Saturday afternoon and evening given by Mr. and Mrs. George Carpenter of Stephentown, N. Y., the occasion being the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage. About 100 relatives and friends tendered their good wishes.

Thomas Cady moved from the Roberts place into the Drew house last Wednesday.

The Spring term of the public schools opened last Monday morning.

The recent falls of snow have made good sleighing which is being improved by all classes. Heavy loads of wood and lumber are daily carried by, and nearly every evening sleighing parties are entertained at the Idlewild.

A large delegation from this place attended the caucus for nomination of town officers last Thursday evening.

BLACKINTON.

Miss Agnes Bell of Hillsdale, N. Y., is the guest of Miss Grace A. Davies.

A son was born Sunday, March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Reilly (nee Muldowney) of Lansingburg, N. Y.

Mrs. Marie Mattison of this village was granted judgement for \$1500 in a suit against the town of North Adams, for injuries received by a fall some time since.

POWNA.

The widow and family of the late E. A. White returned to Canada on Monday. One daughter, Miss Lisa White, remains behind.

Paul Wollschlaeger is to occupy the vacant tenement of Mr. White.

J. W. White is circulating a petition for securing the service of W. C. Sumner in the grammar grade of our school.

Our factory is running nights now. Quite an epidemic of gripple colds continues with us.

George Brown is able to be out among us again.

Remember the fair at the Baptist church next week.

Our pool room has been moved to North Pownall.

THE SUGAR LOAF HEAD.

Northwestern Indians Have a Cranial Development That is Odd.

The sugar loaf head is a feature of the degenerate and may be that of a genius. There is a certain branch of Indians not allied to any other Indians in the country that presents more sugar loaf heads than any other community. They are the most interesting of the aboriginal races on this continent and live at Fort Rupert on the extreme northern point of Vancouver island.

The Kwakiutis, as they are called, have a most peculiar language, difficult to understand. White men are rarely seen in this settlement, though a sailing schooner may now and then hire a couple of these Indians to accompany them on a fishing expedition, as they are extremely dexterous in the handling of the spear.

In point of character these Indians are very conservative, adhering to the old traditions and religious beliefs they have possessed for thousands of years. Missionaries have never succeeded in making any impression upon them, and they have been known to shoot whites long dead. One of the old traditions in regard to their origin is that they originated to this continent when it was still joined to Asia at a point where the Bering straits are now located. The Kwakiutis have no money, but use blankets as a means of currency. All the things that are sold are paid for in blankets. The Graylock cemetery is fast putting in the necessary machinery for opening Apr. 1.

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## SHOOTING 'GATORS.

LIVELY SPORT CONTAINING A DASH OF GENUINE ADVENTURE.

Hunting Alligators at Night as It Is Carried on in South Florida—The True Sport Is to Go After the Saurians in a Dugout, but It Has Elements of Danger.

A few years ago alligator hunting was so popular in Florida that hundreds of sportsmen went south to get a shot at a few of the large saurians, but when the natives found that there was a commercial value in their hides and teeth, the work of extermination began with great zeal.

The alligators are hunted by the Indians and white men. These great saurians have learned to avoid mankind and boats of any kind, and even in the far off wilderness of south Florida they steal away from the noisy paddler. While many are still along the river St. Johns, it is rarely that passengers get a glimpse of one from the decks of the steamboats. They slide off the logs and banks long before they are started by the keen-eyed visitors.

The old way of hunting alligators by night is still carried on with more or less success in parts of south Florida. The hunters equip themselves with knives, rifles and bullseye lanterns and then seek the track of the alligators near the log-creeks or in the swamps. The alligator leaves a deep, plain rut in the sand as he travels from one pond to another, and it is an easy matter to discover such a trail and follow it.

The same track is used night after night and by any number of the saurians. They like to go to the old wooden track and rarely attempt to make a new one unless frightened away. They waddle along at night and make such a noise that the hunters can hear them a long distance off. The hunters remain quiet, concealed in the brush, until the alligator is close to them, then the light of the lantern is turned full upon them. The bright rays of the light fairly paralyze the creatures, and they remain perfectly quiet, staring at the light with bulging eyes. The eyes are the targets for the hunters.

It is useless to attempt to purchase their tough skins with a rifle bullet. The ball would only glance off and the creatures escape. But if one is a keen marksman he can send a ball straight at the target and strike the brain of the crawling reptile. If he misses his mark, the alligator will turn tail and retreat.

It is an easy matter to capture the creature after he has finally turned to flee. The heavy tail can knock the life out of a man or break his leg. Clinging over the head would do little good, and besides the animal might take a savage bite at you that would cause a serious mishap. A light rifle, a sharp eye and a steady hand are the only weapons needed on the land in the daytime, the saurians are savage and active enough at nighttime. They love the darkness and can see much better than the hunter.

The alligators are very migratory in their habits and love to travel from one pond of water to another. Frequently they are seen during the day, but they rarely show themselves out of the water except after dark. In the winter they become more restless than in the summer, and they frequently travel long distances in large flocks. If one is fortunate enough to strike the trail, he can do so with a rifle or a bow and arrow.

It takes some time for the creatures to get into their heads that danger is ahead, and the flock will not change its course until a dozen or more have been killed on the bloody trail.

The size of Florida alligators has been variously estimated and reported, but it is rare that a very old fellow is found in the south today. An old one will measure from 10 to 16 feet in length, and his tail will consequently be a formidable weapon, measuring about half the length of his whole carcass.

When lying in the mud apparently asleep, the approach of a small darky or a calf is noted by the saurian, and when within reaching distance the tail will fly around with the rapidity of lightning, breaking the legs of the prey and knocking him over. The reptile will then pounce upon the victim and devour him, bit and everything. If help should appear upon the scene in the shape of a man or an angry bull or mother cow, the great reptile will crawl toward the water, dragging his victim with him. In the water the alligator is king of all he surveys, and it is his work to attempt to follow an enraged crocodile.

The true sport in the Everglades is shooting alligators from the small dugout. The great saurians can often be found in considerable numbers on the logs or mud banks in some sunny spot. A good party of sportsmen will then take up their positions in the dugout, and the work of extermination begins. The eyes of the animal are small, and it takes some time to locate them. There is a slight gleam in the sunlight, and this forms the marksman's only target. It requires a steady hand to send the ball home, and it is his eye, the alligator slides off the log into the water and thrashes around for a few moments in great style, ending up usually by turning over upon his back and kicking his last in this position.

Naturally the commonest starter the rest of the inhabitants of the quiet corner. So the frightened birds shoot up into the air with wild screams, and numerous splashes in the water show how many other reptiles were sleeping on logs.

If by chance the creature is only injured and not killed by the rifle bullet, he is just as apt to turn upon the boat, as he is to slide off the log into the water. An enraged wounded alligator in the water is a formidable foe to encounter. His power for evil is tremendous. While he may be at your mercy on land, the conditions are now just reversed.—New York World.

RAVAGES OF THE AFRICAN CROCODILE.

Six years of arduous labors and anxieties in torrid Africa, with only a brief six weeks in Europe between, will sap the best constitutions, and the hematologic form of fever is not a trifling disease. For recovery from it, in fact, and the pioneer who never knew the heat and rain is peculiarly liable to it. Besides the special work for which I had been engaged was completed, for regular communication between the Atlantic and Stanley falls and the means of its continuance were now established. So after initiating Sir Francis in his new duties as my successor I sailed for Europe.—Henry M. Stanley in Century.

IN KEEPING.

"Yes," said Aunt Maria, sitting in Charles Sophomore's room waiting for him to come in from recitation, "everything's appearing."

"What do you mean?"

"Everything's perfectly consistent," repeated Aunt Maria. "Charles's clock's fast too."—Somerville Journal.

TWO VIEWS.

"Mr. Bliss is such a nice young man," said the elderly nurse.

"That's all you know about it," said the young niece. "He is nothing of the sort. He is just the jolliest company imaginable."—Indianapolis Journal.

The principle of the lingo is seen in almost every joint in the animal kingdom. No animal is without a hinge joint somewhere or other in its anatomy.

FRUIT AS A MEDICINE.

Its Use Is Always Advantageous in Certain Forms of Disease.

As a medicine I look upon fruit as a most valuable ally. When the body is in that breaking up condition known as scurvy, the whole medical profession looks upon fruit and fresh vegetables as the one and only known remedy. I believe the day will come when science will use it very much more largely than it does now in the treatment of many of the everyday ailments. Impure blood means gout, rheumatism, skin diseases, prostatic and other troubles. As it is proved that fruit will purify and improve the quality of the blood it must follow that fruit is both food and medicine combined. In fevers I use grapes and strawberries, giving them to my patients in small but frequent doses; oranges and baked apples if the others are not obtainable. For rheumatism plenty of lemons are invaluable. White grapes with miserable, pallid complexions want a quart of strawberries a day; where these are not obtainable bananas, which contain much iron, are a good substitute. Probably all fruits are equally adapted for general purposes in the household. Either raw or cooked it can be taken by nearly everybody, and it contains similar properties to the other more delicate fruits.

To my mind the pear is more easily digested than the apple and for eating uncooked is superior to either. Dried fruits should be used when green cannot be obtained. If soaked for a few hours before cooking they make a capital substitute for fresh fruits, and they come cheaper to the consumer.

For preserving fruit I look upon bottling in glass bottles as the coming thing. Not by the use of chemicals, such as salicylic and boracic acids and the various preservatives made from them, but simply by protecting it after cooking from the fermenting germs in the atmosphere. It keeps for years, and the fruit is as fresh as the day it was cooked. It is equally digestible and contains all the virtues of freshly cooked fruit. Canned fruit is not so good. The acid of the fruit dissolves up and lead from the tin, and I have seen very serious cases of illness as a result. The fruit should be sealed much cheaper in bottles than in tins, as the bottle can be returned and used again.—Popular Science Monthly.

First, Second and Third Class.

On the Cambrian line it appears that all the passenger traffic, except 2.3 per cent—that is, 97.7 per cent—is by third class carriages, and on the Hull and Barnsley actually 99 per cent of the whole traffic is third class, leaving only one in every hundred travelers who goes first class. In fact, the company stipulates that class accommodations by every train, and on an average carries only one first class passenger by every other train. Clearly on such a line as that it cannot pay to have first class carriages at all, yet there are very serious varieties in the local taste for differences of grade in various parts of the country.

In Scotland, where there are no second class carriages, a great number of people dislike traveling third. And as a result 4,000,000 in every 80,000,000, or in every 80 passengers, travel first class, and very often numbers of the lowest section of the trading class are found traveling first. In Ireland, again, where there is a very wide preference for distinctions of grade, no less than about a quarter of the whole passenger traffic is either first or second class, and only about three-quarters of third, the exact proportion being that out of 24,500,000 passengers 1,500,000 go first class and 3,250,000 second. Again, on a pure urban line like the North London only 10 per cent go third class and the remainder 40 per cent go either first or second.—London Spectator.

The Earth's Swift Motion.

Everybody knows that the earth makes one complete revolution on its axis once in each 24 hours. But few,



